

October 18, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution Email

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SUBJECT: Scheduled Operational Changes and Upgrades for
CPC, EMC, OPC, and WPC - corrected

Climate Prediction Center

The following accelerated items were implemented this past week:

None

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None

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None

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https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/scn19-58zones_ne_wy_w_sdaaa.pdf.

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Environmental Modeling Center

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None

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None

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The following NCO RFCs which may affect EMC are scheduled to be implemented the week of October 21:

RFC 6159 - Send FNMOC Ensemble Wave data to NOMADS. This change was requested by the NAEFS data exchange group in order to provide the FNMOC Wave data to Canada (CMC). To be implemented on October 21 and 22 at 1700Z each day.

RFC 6160 – ens_tracker v1.1.16, genesis_tracker v3.4.11 – On WCOSS, update the ens_tracker and genesis_tracker models to handle a change to the CMC grib2 format. This format change is currently causing the trackers to fail to create the correct tracks from CMC's data. To be implemented on October 21 at 1400Z.

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Ocean Prediction Center

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None

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RFC 1245 – 'VvDailyCOOPSPlots.csh' v2019.10.21 - Change the timing of the cron for script 'VvDailyCOOPSPlots.csh' and add an image completion check and rerun in case of failure. The cron currently runs once daily at 0600Z; it will be changed to run at 0645Z. This change is being made because the script, which makes daily maps for the Chesapeake Vibrio vulnificus model, has been failing intermittently and 0645Z is a less busy time than 0600Z. To be implemented on October 21 at 1300Z.

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Weather Prediction Center

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RFC 1246 – Implement changes to the ensemble membership used by WPC's Super Ensemble that drives the Probabilistic Winter Precipitation Forecast Products. WPC will remove the SREF ARW members from the ensemble since verification has shown these to be the worst performers. Additional ECMWF Ensemble and GEFS members will be included. Implementation is to begin on October 21 at 1400Z and should be completed on October 24.

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---- OPERATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ----

The CPC/OPC/WPC Configuration Management documents are available at <https://sites.google.com/a/noaa.gov/nws-ncep-nco-cm/>.

Please review these documents if you have questions prior to submitting changes for CPC/OPC/WPC configurable items.

Users who wish to view their network utilization via the Scrutinizer appliance may request access from NCO/IWSB. Please send an account request to the NCWCP Helpdesk at NCWCP.helpdesk@noaa.gov.